By the Lord Deputie and Councell.

A Proclamation for the Banishment of Iesuites and Priests, &c.

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THis is well knowne, by daily experience, what intolerable mischiefes and inconueniences haue growne vpon this Realme, through the extraordinary resort of such persons hither as are commonly called titulary popish Archbishops, Bishops, Vicars generall, Abbots, Priors, Deanes, Iesuites, Fryers, Seminary priests, and others of that Sect, who seeking to set vp and maintaine a forreine power and authority within this his Maiesties Dominion, The said Bishops, by pretence thereof, haue vsurped and exercised Ecclesiasticall Iurisdiction within this kingdome in all spirituall and Ecclesiasticall causes, to the great derogation of his Maiesties imperiall Crowne. And the said inferiour Secular Priests haue likewise exercised all spirituall and Sacerdotall functions, as christening, marrying, and such like, and by colour thereof haue taken and exacted sundry spirituall duties, from such as are seduced by them, to the intolerable grieuance and impouerishing of this poore nation, And they all seeking and daily endeuouring to peruert the hearts of his Maiesties subiects, and to draw them from the true Religion here established, to blindnesse and superstition, & to alienate their affections from their Soueraigne liege Lord the Kings Maiestie, and to subiect them to the said forreine authoritie, to the generall disturbance of the common peace and tranquillitie of this Kingdome. For reformation of which abuses, and auoiding of such seditious persons, sundry Proclamations haue beene issued and published in this Kingdome: some by immediate warrant from his Maiestie out of England, and others by authoritie of the Lord Deputie and Councell of this Kingdome for the time being, thereby strictly charging and commanding them forthwith, or within some short time then after (and now long sithence expired) to depart out of this Kingdome, and neuer to returne hither againe, vnlesse they should conforme themselues to the Religion here established, and repaire to the Church duely and orderly: vpon paine of his Maiesties high indignation, and such punishments as might iustly bee inflicted vpon the wilfull contemners of his Maiesties Royall command. All which notwithstanding, his Maiestie is informed that the said popish titularie Bishops, Vicars generall, Priests, Iesuites, and other persons before mentioned, haue of late flocked hither in greater numbers then at any time heretofore, And that such Iesuites, Seminary Priests, and other Priests, Fryers, Vicars generall, Abbots, Priors, and Bishops so ordayned by forreine authoritie, which did beforetime secretly lurke in sundry parts of this Kingdome, haue of late time more boldly and presumptuously shewed and declared themselues in the vse and exercise of their functions in open Assemblies, whereby his Maiesties subiects haue beene generally more seduced and confirmed in their disobedience and obstinacie against his Highnesse Lawes and Royall commandements (in contempt of his Maiestie and the said former Proclamations) and are like to breed more and greater mischiefes, if they be suffered to abide and continue here any longer: Of which increase and insolence of the said popish Bishops, Priests, and others as aforesaid, his Maiestie hauing taken speciall notice, hath signified his high displeasure thereat, and hath thereupon commanded Vs to put all Lawes in execution (that are in force in this Kingdome) that inflict any punishment vpon such as exercise any thing to extoll or maintaine the power or iurisdiction Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall of any forreine Prince or Prelate, within this Kingdome, and to reuiue the Proclamation to remoue and exclude all popish Bishops, Priests, Vicars generall, and others as aforesaid, out of the same, as the principall supporters and maintayners of the said vsurped Authoritie.

Know yee therefore, that Wee in obedience vnto his Maiesties Royall command, and for absolute warning to bee giuen in this kind, doe denounce, and in his Maiesties name strictly charge and command, That they shall all of them, that is to say, all titulary popish Archbishops, Bishops, Vicars generall, Abbots, Priors, Deanes, Iesuites, Fryers, Seminary Priests, and other Priests whatsoeuer, regular or secular (being made or ordeyned by any authoritie, deriued or pretended to be deriued from the See of Rome, or by any other forreine authority whatsoeuer) depart out of this Kingdome of Ireland forthwith, or within fortie dayes next ensuing, at the farthest, after the date hereof. And that no such titulary Bishops, Vicars generall, Abbots, Priors, Deanes, Iesuites, Seminary priests, or other priests or Fryers, ordayned by forreine authoritie as aforesaid, shall from and after the said fortie dayes, repaire, come or returne into this Kingdome, vpon paine of his Maiesties high displeasure and indignation, and vpon such further paine and penaltie as may bee iustly inflicted vpon them by the Lawes and Statutes of this Kingdome. And vpon the like paine, Wee doe in his Maiesties Name expressely forbid all, and all manner of persons whatsoeuer within this Kingdome, to receiue, relieue, or conuerse with, bee ordered by, or receiue instruction from any such popish titulary Archbishop, Bishop, Vicar generall, Abbot, Pryor, Deane, Fryer, Seminary priest, or other priest which after the said fortie dayes shall remayne and abide in this Kingdome, or come into the same or any part thereof, contrarie to the intent of this Proclamation. And Wee doe further in his Maiesties name declare, publish, and command, that if any such popish titulary Archbishop, Bishop, Vicar generall, Abbot, Pryor, Deane, Iesuite, Fryer, Seminary priest, or other priest, shall wilfully abide and continue in this Kingdome after the said fortie dayes, or shall voluntarily repayre or returne into this Kingdome, or any part thereof: or if any person or persons shall receiue, relieue, conuerse with, bee ordered by, or receiue instruction from any such popish titulary Archbishop, Bishop, Vicar generall, Abbot, Pryor, Deane, Iesuite, Fryer, Seminary priest, or other priest, That then all and euery Prouinciall Gouernors, Sheriffs, Iustices of peace, Mayors, Soueraignes, Portreifs, Constables, and all others his Maiesties officers and loyall subiects in this Kingdome, shall vse their best diligence and indeauours, to apprehend all and euery such popish titulary Archbishop, Bishop, Vicar generall, Abbot, Prior, Deane, Iesuite, Fryer, Seminary priest, and other priest ordayned by forreine Authority as aforesaid, and all and euery of their receiuers, relieuers, and followers, and them and euery of them to commit to some safe and strict prison, to the end such further order may be taken for their punishment, as to Vs the Lord Deputie and Councell shall be thought fit. And Wee require them and euery of them, to bee seuere to put this his Maiesties commandement in full execution, as they and euery of them will answer the contrary to his Maiestie, who will call them and euery of them to a strict account touching the performance of their duties in this behalfe.

Prouided alwayes, That if any of the said titulary Archbishops, Bishops, Vicars generall, Abbots, Priors, Deanes, Iesuites, Fryers, Seminary priests, or other such priests whatsoeuer shall before the said forty dayes, or within ten dayes next after his or their repayre or returne into this kingdome, submit themselues before Vs the now Lo: Deputy, or to the Lo: Deputy or other chiefe Gouernour of this kingdome for the time being, or other the Gouernour of any Prouince, or before any of his Maiesties priuy Councell in this kingdome, and shall thereupon conforme themselues, and repayre to the Church duly and orderly, according to the intent of his Maiesties Lawes, That then it shall and may be lawfull for all and euery such popish titulary Archbishop, Bishop, Vicar generall, Abbot, Pryor, Deane, Iesuite, Fryer, Seminary priest, or other priest that shall so submit and conforme themselues, to abide and continue in this kingdome, and to repayre and returne into the same, and to haue and enioy the benefit of his Maiesties Lawes and Royall protection, in as free and ample manner as any other loyall subiect, so long as they or any of them shall continue in such conformitie. Giuen at his Maiesties Castle of Dublin, the one and twentieth day of January. 1623.

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